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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CU/EE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FY 1977

REF: BUCHAREST 7252

1. REGRET THAT EMBASSY AND GOR WERE UNDER MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT SHORT TERM RESEARCH CANDIDATES NOMINATED IN SEPTEMBER WOULD BE FUNDED FROM FY 1976 OR TQ ALLOCATIONS. FY 1976 AND TQ OBLIGATING AUTHORITY ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, TOO EARLY TO OBLIGATE FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC RESEARCH CANDIDATES WHO WERE STILL BEING PROCESSED FOR PLACEMENT, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY, ETC.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, DEPENDING ON THE SHAPE OF THE NEW PROGRAM, ROMANIANS WILL PROBABLY NOMINATE ADDITIONAL SHORT TERM RESEARCHERS FOR AY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1977 EVEN WITHOUT BENEFIT OF FULL EXPERIENCE OF FIRST (EXPERIMENTAL) BATCH. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE BUILT INTO FY 1977 POST ALLOCATION SUFFICIENT SAFETY MARGIN TO COVER BOTH CURRENT GROUP AND PART OF COST OF GROUP TO BE NOMINATED TO BEGIN

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NEXT FALL. REMAINING COST OF LATTER GROUP CAN BE FUNDED

IN FY 1978. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, AMOUNT BUDGETED  
IN FY 1977 ALLOCATION FOR ROMANIAN RESEARCH GRANTS  
(DOLS 70,500) WAS CALCULATED TO COVER MOST EXPENSIVE

POSSIBLE COMBINATION OF LONG AND SHORT TERM RESEARCHERS  
UNDER PROVISIONS OF OUR NEW DRAFT PROGRAM. SINCE, AS  
ROMANIANS PRESUMABLY ARE AWARE (STATE 250334), WE HAVE  
SET ASIDE RESOURCES TO PLACE MAXIMUM OF 12 THREE-  
MONTH CANDIDATES CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AT COST OF  
DOLS 39,600, THERE WILL BE RESIDUE OF DOLS 30,000 TO BEGIN  
TO WRITE GRANTS FOR GROUP NEXT FALL.

3. REFTTEL SPEAKS OF 10-15 SHORT TERM RESEARCHERS WHICH  
IS NUMBER SPECIFIED IN US PROGRAM DRAFT STILL TO BE  
NEGOTIATED. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION

THAT CURRENT GROUP OF CANDIDATES SHOULD BE PROCESSED AS  
PART OF FLEXIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRENT PROGRAM.  
ACCORDINGLY, WE BUDGETED FOR MAXIMUM OF 12 GRANTEES FROM  
AMONG THIS FIRST GROUP. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY WOULD OTHER-  
WISE BE PLACED IN EMBARRASSING POSITION, WE BELIEVE THERE  
IS STILL SUFFICIENT MARGIN TO RAISE TOTAL TO 15 IF THAT  
MANY QUALIFY AND ARE PLACED.

4. IN PROCEEDING WITH PLACEMENTS CIES HAS FELT OBLIGED  
TO IGNORE ITS OWN GUIDELINE FOR CLEAR AND SPECIFIC  
PROGRAM PROPOSALS WHICH, IF APPLIED LITERALLY, WOULD  
HAVE ELIMINATED NEARLY EVERY CANDIDATE. CONSEQUENTLY  
CIES HAS ONLY NOW INFORMED US THAT IT BELIEVES PLACEMENTS  
CAN BE ARRANGED FOR ALMOST ALL CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFY IN  
ENGLISH. CIES UNDERSTANDS THAT IF MORE THAN THE  
AGREED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FULLY QUALIFY, IT WILL BE  
UP TO THE ROMANIANS TO CHOOSE WHICH ONES PARTICIPATE.  
TO AVOID SIMILAR PROBLEM IN FUTURE, CIES HAS PROVIDED  
ROMANIANS WITH MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION

OF PROGRAM PROPOSALS.

5. REF PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE REFTTEL, AMSPECS ARE NOT  
INCLUDED IN COUNTRY ALLOCATION BUT WILL RATHER BE COVERED  
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BY REGIONAL ALLOCATION. AMSPEC CATEGORY HERE INCLUDES  
AMERICANS UNDER ARTICLE I-1C. THIS PROCEDURE WAS  
PROPOSED TO EMBASSY IN STATE 2566741 AND AGREED TO IN  
BUCHAREST 6257. WE HOPE THAT THESE AMERICANS CAN BE  
PROGRAMMED IN OTHER EE COUNTRIES AS WELL.

6. OBLIGATIONS FOR FY 1976 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ROMANIAN PROFESSORS (8)-----59,200  
US PROFESSORS (10)-----138,023  
ROMANIAN RESEARCH SCHOLLARS (1)-----1,585

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S RESEARCH SCHOLARS (4)-----19,842  
ROMANIAN STUDENT RENEWALS (6)-----30,345  
US STUDENTS (3)-----91,860

TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS-----258,855

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

INDIVIDUAL IVPS (28)-----50,924  
SPECIALIZED PROGRAM (1)-----4,500  
US SPECIALISTS (10)-----15,989

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL VISITORS-----71,413

TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROJECTS---20,887

TOTAL COUNTRY PROGRAM OBLIGATIONS-----351,155

7. OBLIGATIONS FOR TQ WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ACADDEMIC PROGRAM

US PROFESSORS (3)-----31,422  
US RESEARCH SCHOLARS (3)-----8,866  
ROMANIAN STUDETNS (2)-----11,000  
US STUDENTS (4)-----7,604

TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM-----58,892

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INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

INDIVIDUAL IVS (8)-----16,459  
US SPECIALIST (1)-----1,274

TOTAL IV PROGRAM-----17,733

TOTAL COUNTRY PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS-----76,625

ABOVE CATEGORIES AND FIGURES AS SUPPLIED BY BUDGET  
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